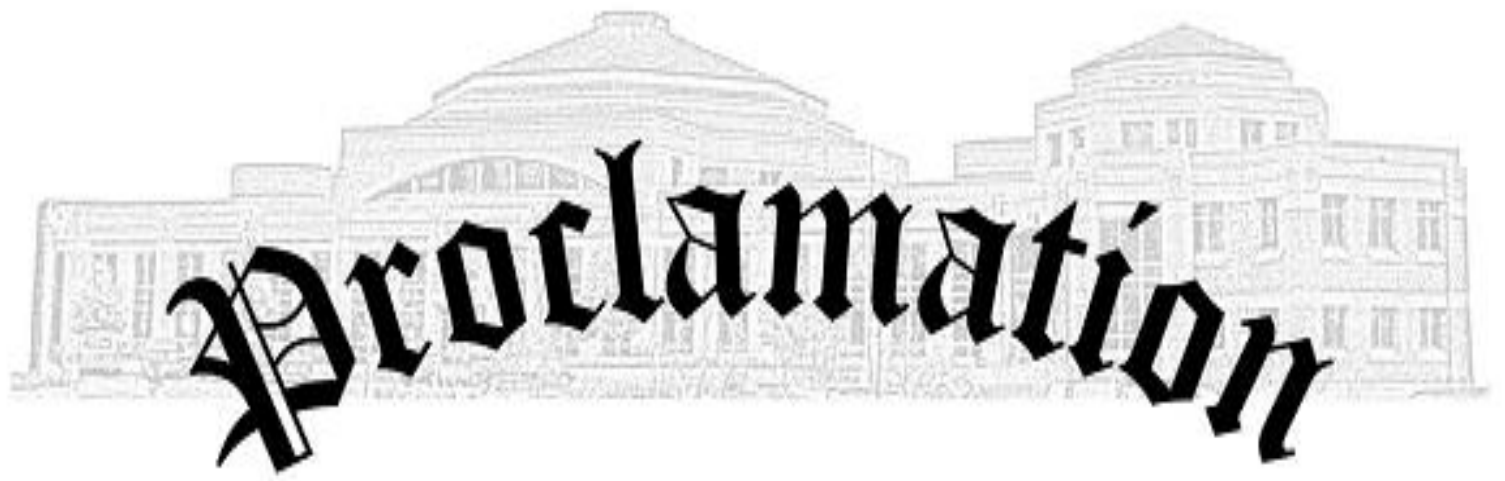


City of Rochester



WHEREAS, in honor of Art on the Ave’s 10th Anniversary celebrating the Arts in the Slatterly Park Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, with a desire to beautify and enhance the neighborhood in 2009 Art on the Ave was formed by a neighborhood committee of dedicated volunteers, that was later formed into a 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization. Event organizers meet monthly throughout the year in the event host home’s living rooms, which has built community along the way; and

WHEREAS, the Art on the Ave’s Mission Statement is “Art on the Ave is a neighborhood initiative to promote the education of the arts, to revitalize Slatterly Park with progressive beautification projects, and to foster conscientious community in southeast downtown Rochester.” Annually in May, Art on the Ave hosts a festival showcasing local artisans and art-based organizations, food, musicians, and fine arts performers. Our event welcomes all-comers and is committed to maintaining an environment without religious or political polarity. Through our efforts, we seek to champion creativity as a vehicle for peace, humanism, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Art on the Ave hosted its first event on 8th Ave SE highlighting 25 vendors, a sculpture unveiling, and one musician and a couple hundred event attendees, and today boast over 60 vendors, 5 musicians, and 4000 event attendees; and

WHEREAS, each year the event grows with the addition of a new sculptures by local and regional artists now totaling 15 public permanent sculptures, including a 10th Anniversary sculpture to be unveiled in Slatterly Park this summer, all of which are gifts to the City of Rochester and the Slatterly Park Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Art on the Ave has served as a model for other neighborhoods, and arts organizations, and received the Mayors Award for Public Art in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Art on the Ave officially dedicates the Slatterly Park Neighborhood as the artist quarter of downtown Rochester and the “Slatterly Park Arts District”;

NOW THEREFORE: I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2019 in honor of

Art on the Ave’s 10th Anniversary

celebrating the Arts in the Slatterly Park Neighborhood.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 1st day of June, 2019.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota